

Remarks

Response to Restriction Requirement

Species Election was required to one of:

1. Figs. 4A-4G; or
2. Fig. 6.

Applicants elect to prosecute claims reading on Species (1) in this application.

It is believed that all the claims in the application read on Species (1), namely, claims 1 - 3, 6 - 8, 12 - 25, 27 - 29, 33 - 49, 51 - 53 and 57 - 70.

This election is made **with traverse**. The Examiner does not show, and Applicants do not understand, how FIG. 6 discloses "a method for forming a semiconductor device different from the [] embodiment" of FIGS. 4A - 4G, as asserted by the Examiner. Compare FIG. 6 with FIGs. 4F and 4G, and particularly for example compare features 427, 428 in FIG. 4F with features 626, 628 in FIG. 6.

Applicants respectfully request that the Requirement for Election of Species be withdrawn.

If the Examiner determines that a conference would facilitate prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone Applicant's representative, undersigned, at the telephone number set out below.

Respectfully submitted,


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